



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : January 8, 2009

TO : Council President Ben Hueso & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointments and Reappointment to the Balboa Park Committee

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It is my pleasure to appoint Don Liddell, Michael Singleton, Robert Steppke, and reappoint Mike McDowell to the Balboa Park Committee, subject to your confirmation.

Don Liddell retired in 2003 as Assistant General Counsel for Sempra Energy where he specialized in unregulated aspects of energy law with an emphasis on business transactions. Employed with Sempra and its predecessor companies since 1982, Mr. Liddell also served as legal counsel for Sempra Energy Solutions and annually contracted for more than \$400 million in energy-related commodities and services. Mr. Liddell began his career as an Attorney for the U.S. Department of Energy assisting with the implementation of alternative and renewable energy programs. From 2006-2008, Mr. Liddell shared his expertise as an Adjunct Professor of Law at University of San Diego Law School where he taught a course on energy law and policy. Currently, Mr. Liddell is in private practice as a Principal for Douglass & Liddell, specializing in sustainable energy development. Mr. Liddell holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Juris Doctor degree from Hastings College of Law. He also received a Bachelor of Arts degree, *cum laude*, from San Diego State University.

A resident of Bankers Hill, Mr. Liddell became a member of the Uptown Planners in March 2007, and is also active with the Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association and Friends of Maple Canyon. Mr. Liddell will serve as the member from the Planning Group representing the Uptown neighborhood on the Balboa Park Committee. He will replace Michael Singleton, whose term on the Uptown Planners has expired, for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

Michael Singleton has been serving on the Balboa Park Committee since 2005 as the member of the planning group representing the Uptown Neighborhood (Uptown Planners). Mr. Singleton's term on the Uptown Planners has expired, however, as a result of Mr.

Singleton's efforts, commitment, and participation on the Balboa Park Committee, he has been nominated by Councilmember Todd Gloria to continue serving as one of the members nominated by the Council member representing the majority of the area in Balboa Park. He will replace Patti Roscoe, who is not seeking reappointment, for a term  
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expiring March 1, 2009.

Robert Steppke came to San Diego in 2001 after having served as Supervisor of Real Property Management for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a Real Property Management Supervisor, Mr. Steppke identified, negotiated, and coordinated the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, and condemnation of real property for potential school sites and district support facilities. Previously, Mr. Steppke worked for the County of Clark in Las Vegas as a Planner II where he coordinated the preparation of a five-year Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Consolidated Plan, including Community Development Block Grant and other grant applications, for a consortium of seven jurisdictions located within Clark County. Mr. Steppke's 30-year professional work history includes serving as a Title Insurance Examiner, Mortgage Banking Officer, Urban Planner and real estate sales and development positions. Mr. Steppke received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, and Master of Urban Planning degree from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

A resident of North Park, Mr. Steppke has served on the North Park Planning Committee since 2001, and also serves on the North Park Redevelopment Project Area Committee, and the North Park Maintenance Assessment District. He is also the Past Treasurer of the American Planning Association, Southern Nevada Section.

Mr. Steppke will serve as the member of the planning group representing the North Park neighborhood on the Balboa Park Committee, and will replace Dan Mazella, who is not seeking reappointment, for a term expiring March 1, 2010.

In addition, Vicki Granowitz has been serving as the designated member from the planning group representing North Park on the Balboa Park Committee since 2002, and was appointed as the Chair of the Committee in 2007. She will continue her service on the Balboa Park Committee as the member of the Park & Recreation Board who is also the designated Chair for the Balboa Park Committee for a term expiring March 1, 2009.

I ask that you confirm these appointments and reappointment join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to give of their time to serve the City of San Diego.



JERRY SANDERS

Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Michael Aguirre  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland

San Diego, CA 92013

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**DOUGLASS & LIDDELL, San Diego, CA****2003 – Present***Principal*

Mr. Liddell's law practice is focused exclusively on energy industry transactional and regulatory work, with emphasis on California and the West. Douglass & Liddell is a prominent advocate in electricity-related administrative proceedings and legislation advocating free market competition, and is legal counsel to the Western Power Trading Forum, the Alliance for Retail Markets, and the California Alliance for Competitive Energy Solutions. The firm also represents developers in negotiation of power purchase agreements with California's electric utilities and interconnection agreements with the California Independent System Operator for large concentrating solar, biomass, biogas, and natural gas-fueled peaking facilities. The firm also represents a variety of clients involved in all aspects of distributed generation and storage projects. Recent transactions include helping Stirling Energy Systems successfully negotiate 20-year power purchase agreements with Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric (including a related interconnection agreement to develop the world's two largest solar power projects in the desert region of southern California. Under the agreement with Edison, Stirling will deliver 500 MW of solar power from the SES Solar One project, with an option to expand to 850 MW. Under the agreement with SDG&E, Stirling will deliver 300 MW from the SES Solar Two project, with the ability to expand to 900 MW. Together, the two projects will dwarf the combined capacity of all existing solar power plants and should enable Edison and SDG&E to each achieve their state-mandated renewable power procurement goals.

**SEMPRA ENERGY, San Diego, CA****1998 – 2003***Assistant General Counsel*

Served as a legal executive specializing in unregulated aspects of energy law with emphasis on business transactions. Responsible for management of legal services for Sempra Energy's domestic and international retail commercial and industrial energy businesses. Operated in a Fortune 500 environment dedicated to unregulated subsidiaries of Sempra Energy and its predecessor companies. Specialties included energy project development, wholesale and retail gas and power marketing, efficiency contracting services, and infrastructure operations with private and public entities in North America and Europe. Also managed all legal aspects of start-up natural gas utilities in North Carolina, Maine and Nova Scotia.

**SEMPRA ENERGY SOLUTIONS, San Diego, CA****1998 – 2003***Business Unit Counsel*

Served as legal counsel for development and implementation of a Sempra Energy subsidiary's business plan for start up and rapid growth of a national retail power marketing and energy engineering and construction service provider. Helped Sempra Energy Solutions grow to become the largest unregulated direct access electricity provider in California, and contracted for over \$400M per year in energy-related commodities and services nationwide, managing over 2,000 MW of electric load, 80,000 MM BTU of gas load, and 33 million square feet of energy infrastructure facilities. Transactions included infrastructure ownership and operating arrangements for facilities such as the Staples Center in Los Angeles and the Venetian in Las Vegas.

**PACIFIC ENTERPRISES, Los Angeles, CA****1982 – 1998***Special Counsel*

Served as legal counsel for all unregulated energy businesses of Pacific Enterprises and its predecessor company, Pacific Lighting. Acted as legal representative on the executive team that developed the strategic plan for Pacific Enterprises' entry into the gas and power marketing business. Was lead counsel for a group of start-

up companies engaged in retail marketing of natural gas and electricity and integrated energy efficiency products and services.

**PACIFIC ENERGY, Los Angeles, CA**

**1984 – 1996**

***Corporate Counsel***

Served as legal counsel for an alternative energy power project development subsidiary of Pacific Enterprises engaged in development, permitting, construction, financing, and operation of 18 unregulated geothermal,

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**DONALD C. LIDDELL**

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hydroelectric, biogas, and biomass fueled power plants in four states, as well as the world's largest district heating and cooling facilities serving commercial buildings at Bunker Hill and Century City in Los Angeles. Negotiated agreements for power purchase, gas and electricity interconnection and transmission, resource leases and fuel supply agreements, engineering and construction, operations, asset purchase and sale, and project financing. Also managed all legal aspects of start-up of a biomass fuel supply company serving power plants in Central and Northern California.

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, San Francisco, CA**

**1978 – 1982**

***Government Contract Attorney***

Assisted with negotiation and administration of engineering and facility construction and computer acquisition contracts for military and civilian high-energy physics and alternative energy research and development programs. Served on source selection panels and negotiated commercialization and privatization transactions and industry energy technology programs in the Western United States, including large federal solar and geothermal demonstration projects, cooperative agreements, and grants. Acted as legal advisor for the national geothermal technology-related programs in the Western United States, including over \$400 million of research, development, and demonstration projects involving government-industry cooperative agreements, grants and federal loan guarantees.

**PRIVATE PRACTICE, San Francisco, CA**

**1975 – 1978**

***Sole Practitioner***

Engaged in civil and criminal litigation, including trial and appellate work in California.

**ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

- ***Adjunct Professor of Law***, University of San Diego School of Law: Teaching a course in Energy Law and Policy sponsored by the Energy Policy Initiatives Center of the USD School of Law, 2006 - present.
- ***Independent Energy Producers Association***: Board of Directors of California's pre-eminent energy trade association engaged in legislative and regulatory advocacy. Chairman of the Board, 1989 – 1991.
- ***Geothermal Resources Association***: Board of Directors of the geothermal industry trade association engaged in legislative and regulatory advocacy before state and federal agencies, including federal energy tax credit legislation and U.S. Department of Interior rulemakings. Chairman of the Board, 1989 – 1991.

**EDUCATION**

LL.M, London School of Economics and Political Science  
Editor-in-Chief of the LSE's Journal of International Studies

J.D., Hastings College of Law, University of California

B.A., San Diego State University, Political Science (*cum laude*)

**ROBERT B. STEPPKE**

SAN DIEGO, CA. 92104

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**EXPERIENCE**

SUPERVISOR, REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

- o Coordinated, negotiated, supervised and finalized the purchase, sale, exchange, lease, and condemnation of real property including oversight of escrows and property management.
- o Identified and secured real property for potential school sites and district support facilities utilizing enrollment projections, migration, and patterns of future housing development areas.
- o Developed, drafted, negotiated, and managed various development, joint use (both public and private), inter-local, exchange, purchase, sale, and lease property agreements and contracts.
- o Coordinated school district entitlement activities for additions, modernization, and new construction requests, and made over 100 presentations to various County Commission, City Council, Planning Commission, Town Board, homeowner, and citizen group public meetings.
- o Interfaced with administrators, architects, engineers, developers, contractors, planners, elected officials, and others on school enrollment impacts of real estate development and related issues.
- o Worked with staffs of other public entities including utility, transportation, water/sewer providers on short and long-term land use activities, master plans, and cost sharing refund agreements.
- o Served as liaison to area school and park/recreation staffs on facility/turf joint use programming.

PLANNER II

COUNTY OF CLARK, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

- o Coordinated the preparation of the 5-year HUD Consolidated Plan, CDBG, HOME, and HOPWA grant applications for a consortium of seven jurisdictions located within Clark County, Nevada.
- o Interacted with developers, agency officials, community organizations, non-profits, and citizen groups on housing and community development issues, research studies, and special projects.
- o Functioned as county's Asset Manager on its' Space Programming Committee responsible for real estate acquisition, disposals, and trades as well as declaring various parcels as "surplus".
- o Evaluated Request For Proposal's for the development of a 1465-acre heavy industrial use park.

PLANNING INTERN

CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS

- o Researched and analyzed census tract mapping and statistical data for grant applications. Wrote HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Performance Report narrative.

TITLE INSURANCE EXAMINER/MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER/REAL ESTATE AGENT

**EDUCATION**

MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING (Housing and Community Development)

TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (Finance-Real Estate-Law)

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA, CALIFORNIA

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

NORTH PARK PLANNING COMMITTEE, Policy/Community Relations Chair

SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS, Poll worker Trainer, Field Troubleshooter

NORTH PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE, Resident Property Owner

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION, Southern Nevada Section, Past Treasurer

NORTH PARK MAINTANENCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, Board Member

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO1. CERTIFICATE NUMBER  
(FOR AUDITOR'S USE)

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TO:

CITY ATTORNEY

2. FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT):

MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

3. DATE:

1/9/09

4. SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENTS &amp; REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE

5. PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, &amp; MAIL STA.)

Lisa Gordon MS11A, 67740

6. SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, &amp; MAIL STA.)

Kevin Casey MS 11A, 36588

7. CHECK BOX IF REPORT TO COUNCIL IS ATTACHED



## 8. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES

FUND					9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ESTIMATED COST:
DEPT.					
ORGANIZATION					
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## 10. ROUTING AND APPROVALS

ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
1	ORIG. DEPT/LG	<i>L. Gordon</i>	1/9/09	8	DEPUTY CHIEF / KM	<i>KM</i>	1/9/09
2	AUDITOR			9	COO		
3				10	CITY ATTORNEY	<i>Michael Spivak</i>	1/12/09
4	CFO			11	ORIG. DEPT/ COUNCIL LIAISON/KC	<i>KC</i>	1/7/09
5				DOCKET COORD: _____ COUNCIL LIAISON _____			
6				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL PRESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SPOB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO: _____ COUNCIL DATE: 1-27-09			
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11. PREPARATION OF:

☒ RESOLUTIONS☐ ORDINANCE(S)☐ AGREEMENT(S)☐ DEED(S)

Appointing Vicki Granowitz as the member of the Park & Recreation Board who is also the designated Chair, for a term expiring March 1, 2009; Appointing Don Liddell as the member of the Planning Group representing the Uptown Neighborhood, replacing Michael Singleton, for a term expiring March 1, 2010. Appointing Michael Singleton, as the Council District 3 representative, replacing Patti Roscoe, who has resigned, for a term expiring March 1, 2009; Appointing Robert Steppke as the member of the Planning Group representing the North Park neighborhood, replacing Dan Mazella, for a term expiring March 1, 2010; and Reappointing Mike McDowell as Vice Chair for a term expiring March 1, 2010. Please see Mayor Sanders' January 8, 2009 nominating memorandum which is attached.

11A. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Ratify nominations as submitted.

12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION.)

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Vicki Granowitz-CD 3; Don Liddell-CD 2; Mike McDowell-N/A; Michael Singleton-CD 2; Robert Steppke-CD 3;

COMMUNITY AREA(S): Vicki Granowitz resides in South Park; Don Liddell resides in Bankers Hill; Mike McDowell resides in San Marcos; Michael Singleton resides in Mission Hills; Robert Steppke resides in North Park.

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DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION  
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SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BALBOA PARK COMMITTEE

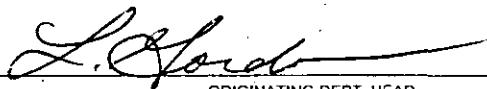
BACKGROUND:

Please see attached nominating memorandum of January 8, 2009 from Mayor Jerry Sanders.

BY LINE: (MAYOR / DEPT. HEAD / AUTHOR INITIALS)

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SIGNATURES:



ORIGINATING DEPT. HEAD

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MAYOR  
(FOR MAYORAL DEPARTMENTS ONLY)

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RESOLUTION NUMBER R-\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the following appointments and reappointment by the Mayor to serve as members of the Balboa Park Committee, for terms ending as indicated, be and the same are hereby confirmed:

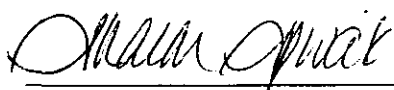
NAME	CATEGORY	TERM ENDING
Vicki Granowitz (South Park, District 3)	Park & Recreation Board Member	March 1, 2009
Don Liddell (Bankers Hill, District 2) (Replacing Michael Singleton)	Planning Group - Uptown Neighborhood Representative	March 1, 2010
Michael Singleton (Mission Hills, District 2) (Replacing Patti Roscoe, who has resigned)	Council District 3 Representative	March 1, 2009
Robert Steppke (North Park, District 3) (Replacing Dan Mazella)	Planning Group - North Park Neighborhood Representative	March 1, 2010
Mike McDowell (San Marcos) (Reappointment)	Vice Chair	March 1, 2010

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Council Policy 000-13, for purposes of deliberation and consideration of appointment, it is determined that Mike McDowell is a resident of San Diego County, but not the City of San Diego, and has unique qualifications to serve as a member of the Commission. Therefore, a conscious exception to Council Policy 000-13 is hereby declared.



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APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By   
Sharon B. Spivak  
Deputy City Attorney

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01/12/09  
Or.Dept:Mayor  
R-2009-773

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor